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- 11. (SBU) SUMMARY -- Pol/C met Department of Foreign Affairs (DEPLU) contacts, October 22, reviewing U.S. views on key UNGA Third Committee issues. Pol/C also reviewed the recent Troika discussions re Kosovo. END SUMMARY.
- 12. (C) THIRD COMMITTEE: Pol/C met with Ramadansyah Hasan of DEPLU's Directorate for International Security and UN Affairs. Hasan was accompanied by Naldi (one name only) from DEPLU's Office of North American Affairs. Pol/C reviewed U.S. views on key UNGA Third Committee issues, providing background and the rationale for U.S. positions per ref a. Pol/C underlined that human rights were a responsibility of all UN members and the Third Committee was a primary venue for mobilizing an international consensus on such matters. He reviewed planned country-specific resolutions re Belarus, Burma, Iran and North Korea, and urged GOI support. He also reviewed key thematic resolutions on rape as an instrument of state policy, religious intolerance, defamation of religion, and election-related issues. Pol/C noted USG views on these resolutions and discussed the EU's planned resolution re the death penalty.
- 13. (C) Hasan agreed that the issues identified by the U.S. were important. He said DEPLU would review U.S. views and would make recommendations to Indonesia's UN office in New York. He added that it was highly doubtful that the GOI would support the EU's death penalty resolution, noting that Indonesia has capital punishment on the books. The EU routinely presses Indonesia on the matter, however.
- 14. (SBU) KOSOVO: Pol/C also briefly reviewed the October 14 U.S./EU/Russia Troika discussions in Brussels on the future status of Kosovo, providing DEPLU with a copy of the readout in the form of a nonpaper. Hasan said the GOI was very interested in the Kosovo matter and expressed appreciation for the readout.

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